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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California	
COUNTY:	Calaveras	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
	FEB 28 1972	

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
CALAVERAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
5th County Seat - 1867 - 1966

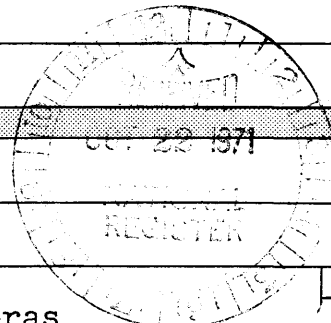
#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
San Andreas

STATE: California

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
06	Calaveras	009



#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both by County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Government Center, Calaveras County

CITY OR TOWN: San Andreas

STATE: California

CODE: 06

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:  
GOVERNMENT CENTER

CITY OR TOWN: SAN ANDREAS

STATE: CALIFORNIA

CODE: 06

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
ASSESSORS MAP

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
COUNTY COURT HOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:  
GOVERNMENT CENTER

CITY OR TOWN: SAN ANDREAS

STATE: CALIF

CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two storied brick building, 46' 4" X 67½' long.

Bricks were made locally, as was the lime for mortar.

Foundations were poor and building has settled, cracking some of the walls. Some repair work has been done, but more is needed.

Typical of the period and region, the brick building had iron doors and shutters on all exterior openings, affording protection against fire vandalism and burglary. Foundation walls were laid up with dry field stone with cut granite slabs for a foundation capping upon which the brick walls bear. Settling of the stone foundation has caused cracks to open in the brick walls. Repairs are contemplated. Roof now covered with asphalt shingles probably was originally protected with sheet metal common to the early period.

Wood stove heating prevailed until about 1950 when liquid petroleum gas facilities were installed. Lighting was provided by oil lamps until electric power became available in 1900.

Pine flooring was covered at some time with linoleum. Window framing is sugar pine, with openings relatively tall and narrow, and are provided with small paned double hung sash. Interior stairways are circular and steep. Sanitary facilities were not installed until the Hall of Records was built in 1893. The jail at the rear first floor had a "Day Room", kitchen, and six cells, each with double deck iron bunks. A relatively unusual feature is the wooden construction (2 x 8 pine planking) of the cells. Original solid plank cell doors were replaced with iron grills in 1900, at which time lighting (electric) was first provided for the jail. Fire protection of the automatic type was first installed in the wooden cells about 1958.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>LAW &amp; ORDER</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Calaveras County, one of the original 28 California counties, had five county seats in its first 16 years. As the mining population moved, so was the county seat. The town of San Andreas was the last and so remains. The old court house building was erected in 1867 and was in use until 1966, when a new Government Center was erected on the East edge of town.

The old building contained the jail, court room and sheriff's office. Executions were held in the jail yard, the last on August 31st, 1888.

Charles Bolton, the well known "Black Bart", stage coach highwayman, was held here during his trial. He was convicted and sent to San Quentin for six years; served 4 years, 2 months, then paroled.

One of California's legendary outlaws, Black Bart, always worked alone. His specialty was robbing mail and express stage coaches along remote stretches of roadway. Between 1875 and 1883 the elusive and mysterious bandit robbed 27 coaches in the rough mountain country from the Sierra Nevada to the Coast Ranges. At least nine counties provided the scenes of actual Black Bart holdups while many more similar incidents were attributed to him. No killings or violence were associated with the crimes, and legend has it that this unique highwayman often left taunting notes for lawmen at the scene of a holdup, brief messages were signed "Black Bart the POB". Finally captured, Charles E. Bolton was held in the Calaveras County jail at San Andreas and was tried and convicted in this courthouse before being sent to the State prison at San Quentin to serve about four years of his sentence before release.

Originally housing all of the county offices - clerk, sheriff, assessor, treasurer, recorder, superintendent of schools, judges and district attorney, court room. The county jail was located on the first floor at the rear, with a jail yard enclosed by a field stone rubble wall about 12' in height and 18" in thickness.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

**OFFICIAL RECORDS, CALAVERAS COUNTY**

Historic Spots in California - Hoover, Rensch and Abeloe, 3rd Edition, Stanford, 1966.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 11' 49"	120° 40' 45"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

UTM  
10/703230  
4229990  
CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .52 Acres ±

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
CALAVERAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: SAN ANDREAS CALI. STATE: CALIFORNIA CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name [Signature]

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 16, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 23 1972

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 28 1972

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8. Significance (Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

In 1893 a second and separate brick building was erected at the front of the lot, with its rear wall very close to the front wall of the courthouse. The new building became the Hall of Records and some of the other offices moved into it.

For a full century - 1867 to 1966 - the Calaveras County Court House served as the political and administrative center for the County and its people.

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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California	
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<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON:		Calaveras County Court House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
30 North Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN:			
San Andreas			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
California	06	Calaveras	009
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
Calaveras County Assessor			
SCALE:			
1" = 155' approx.			
DATE:			
Unknown			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			